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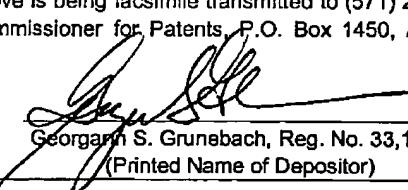
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Re: Serial No.: 09/325,110  
Filing Date: June 3, 1999

Attorney Docket No. PD-990033

Please find attached:

- > Response to Office Action dated September 22, 2005 (11 pages)
- > Transmittal Letter for Amendment (1 page)

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In re Application of: Carl S. Anselmo : Date: December 12, 2005  
 Serial No. 09/325,110 : Group Art Unit: 2685  
 Filed: June 3, 1999 : Examiner: Charles Chiang Chow  
 For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS USING ON-ORBIT PAYLOAD  
 CONFIGURATION AND RECONFIGURATION

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

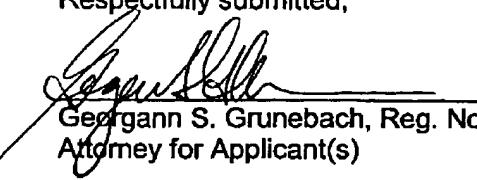
No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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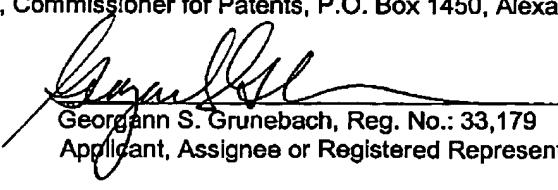
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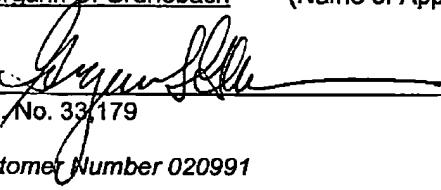
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks.